

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Children's Long-Term Support Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers**  
**(CLTS Waivers)**

*Program Background and Philosophy*

- The CLTS Waivers support an eligible child with disabilities and his or her family with services in the child's home and community.
- The CLTS Waivers are Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers (HCBS Waivers). These HCBS Waivers were started as a method for Medicaid to fund the integration of people with disabilities into the society at large, instead of funding more restrictive and costly institutional placements.
- The CLTS Waivers were developed to provide more appropriate services and supports for children with long-term care needs; previous HCBS Waivers had been developed for adult populations.
- The CLTS Waivers took effect January 1, 2004.
- Children enrolled in the CLTS Waivers may receive services up to age 22.
- There are three CLTS Waivers, which differ primarily by target population: there is one for children with developmental disabilities, one for children with physical disabilities, and one for children with mental health disabilities.
- CLTS Waivers are operated by Wisconsin Counties; some slots are available with State funds (called state matched slots), but counties also have the ability to contribute funds for CLTS Waiver Slots (called locally matched slots).

*Local Eligibility Determinations and State Approval Process*

- The child meets Level of Care (criteria differ by age of child but essentially the child must have needs that substantially impair functioning in major life area based on assessed need).
- For state matched slots, the child must have a Disability Determination by the Disability Determination Bureau (locally matched slots do not need a Disability Determination).
- Form DDES 919 is used to verify the child's financial eligibility (see form at):  
<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/forms/DDES/DDE0919.pdf>
- For Intensive In-Home Autism Treatment Services, the child and family must meet additional criteria. Please see the DHFS HCBS Waiver Manual, Chapter 4, p. 68 – 72 for additional criteria at:  
<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/waivermanual/waiverch4.pdf>

*Services*

- Services are developed on an individualized, child and family-centered basis. A county Support and Service Coordinator works with the family to identify supports and services that would be most beneficial for the child and family. After a plan of services is developed, the Support and Service Coordinator works with the family to help implement services as well as to assess their ongoing effectiveness. (For a full description of Support and Service Coordinator functions, please see the DHFS HCBS Waiver Manual, p. 88 at: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/waivermanual/waiverch4.pdf>)
- Experimental or aversive services will not be funded under the CLTS Waivers.
- Possible Services:
  - ❖ Adaptive Aids
  - ❖ Adult Family Home (after age 18)
  - ❖ Child Care and Foster Care Services
  - ❖ Communication Aids
  - ❖ Consumer and Family-Directed Supports
  - ❖ Consumer Education and Training
  - ❖ Counseling and Therapeutic Resources
  - ❖ Daily Living Skills Training
  - ❖ Day Services
  - ❖ Home Modifications
  - ❖ Intensive In-Home Autism Treatment Services
  - ❖ Personal Emergency Response System
  - ❖ Respite Care
  - ❖ Specialized Medical and Therapeutic Supplies
  - ❖ Specialized Transportation
  - ❖ Support and Service Coordination
  - ❖ Supported Employment
  - ❖ Supportive Home Care

*Case Responsibility where the child is moving to another Wisconsin County*

- If a child has a CLTS Waiver slot with local match, and the child moves to another county in Wisconsin, the original county must continue to fund that child's slot as long as the child is eligible for services or until the new county is able to provide match; this is true regardless of court order.

*Fiscal Overview*

- Federal Medicaid funds are available for CLTS Waiver slots, but state or local match must be provided. The match ratio changes from year to year, but is approximately 60% Federal funds to 40% state or local.
- State funded slots currently are available only to children receiving Intensive In-Home Autism Treatment Services (and ongoing services after a child's Intensive Services end).
- For Intensive In-Home Autism Treatment Services slots, there is a weekly rate paid to a provider based upon the number of hours authorized.
- For local match slots or ongoing services, services are funded based on their Individual Service Plan (ISP) costs.
- Counties may use unmatched state funds, such as those in the Family Support Program and Community Options Program, as match to the CLTS Waivers.
- Some counties may have a waiting list for local match slots due to a lack of available state or local match.
- Funds are paid to counties by the DHFS based on Human Services Reporting System (HSRS) data submission on clients served.